

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1629
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ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF BIRDS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he is aware that thousands of wild birds are transported illegally as 'Chickens' across India by the rail;
- (b) whether he is also aware that there have been many seizures of wild birds that have been brought to Delhi/Mumbai by the Railways;
- (c) whether any action has been taken against officials who have allowed the transportation of these birds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by railways to stop this illegal carriage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) and (b): No, Sir. However, one case has come to notice in which 375 parrots were booked from Unnao to Dadar by 1016 Kushinagar Express. These parrots were seized in Mumbai by volunteers of 'People Who Care for Animals' and freed.
- (c) and (d): Action has been taken against the Chief Coaching Supervisor and the Booking Clerk of Unnao Railway station under Discipline & Appeal Rules.
- (e): Instructions have been reiterated to all Zonal Railways to ensure strict compliance of provisions of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001.